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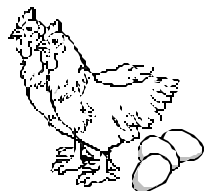
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Early week prices were lower for all sizes. During the week prices were sharply lower in all locations. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand into all channels was light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Nest run breaking stock prices with checks and undergrades were lower. Demand light to fair for the available offers of nest run product with graded product readily available. Most buyers not seeking additional product for breaking needs. Finished product demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely steady. Light type fowl demand mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-103	86-93	54-58
New York	58-62	56-60	42-46
Philadelphia	56-67.5	55-65.5	41-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-62	53-57	36-40
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-77	61-71	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	50-54	48-52	34-38
Detroit (2)	50-55	49-53	37-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-56	51-54	35-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	52-58	37-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	73-75	70-72	54-56
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	86	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	67.08	65.20	47.93
SOUTHERN	65.36	61.26	46.14
MIDWEST	56.54	54.85	40.33
WESTERN	85.89	80.08	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	71.26	67.82	52.67

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-01-02	09-24-02	10-02-01
Large	33-36	35-38	26-29
Medium	19-23	21-25	10-13

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 30, 2002
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	15.9	8.5	15.7	9.9 59.0
	Change	0.6	4.7	0.6	2.2	-0.3 15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.4	56.1	17.8	28.4	31.6 170.3
	Change	6.0	8.4	0.0	4.0	2.9 14%
Large	Curr Wk	50.7	134.6	87.4	100.8	105.6 479.1
	Change	12.4	19.3	9.4	17.5	13.8 18%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.6	48.9	19.2	26.7	39.0 151.4
	Change	-0.2	2.8	1.6	4.3	-1.2 5%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	7.6	6.2	9.6	6.5 36.1
	Change	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	2.3	3.0 10%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	14.4	4.8	20.5	4.3 47.1
	Change	-0.4	-4.2	-2.6	2.8	-2.8 -13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.8	31.5	27.6	29.4	28.6 139.9
	Change	-0.4	-12.6	-4.0	2.1	0.3 -9%
Total	Curr Wk	145.8	309.0	171.5	231.1	225.5 1082.9
Percent	Change	13%	6%	3%	18%	7% 9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.9	9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	265.6	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1348.5	8%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,255,868	29,578	13,022	6,211	2,985	4,491
PW	1,250,922	28,580	12,157	6,458	3,094	4,304
LY	1,253,400	27,943	12,746	6,755	3,252	4,445
% CHG PW	0	3	7	-4	-4	4
% CHG LY	0	6	2	-8	-8	1
2002	47,089,387	1,095,133	455,433	243,970	112,468	167,265
2001	45,016,607	1,022,141	452,121	241,963	99,359	160,512
% CHG YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.44	41.17	41.40
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.87	37.73	37.85

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> 19 Selected States		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 21	Sep 28	Sep 21	Sep 28
	Thousand			
AL	*28,031	27,425	*21,530	21,738
AR	29,050	28,177	*24,224	23,894
DE	*3,091	3,198	*5,601	4,801
FL	2,192	2,254	2,228	2,110
GA	30,228	29,102	25,688	26,424
KY	*5,921	6,844	*5,260	5,039
MD	8,711	8,742	*5,765	5,425
MS	17,540	17,244	15,340	15,348
NC	15,966	17,018	14,240	14,070
OK	5,975	4,013	4,623	3,846
PA	*3,357	3,391	*2,782	2,798
SC	4,833	4,678	4,096	3,498
TX	13,236	15,078	11,177	11,886
VA	4,987	6,225	4,938	5,204
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	17,148	18,656	17,993	19,169

19 State Total ***190,266** **192,045** ***165,485** **165,250**

Previous Year Total 199,865 201,736 166,119 160,598

Pct. of Prev. Year 95 95 100 103

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.93 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/26/02-10/02/02

CURRENT LDS 123.50 **FUTURE LDS** 35.25 **TOTAL LDS** 158.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	31.00	37.33	35.63	39.67	44.50	—	11.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	39.50	36.50	8.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	52.00	43.88	46.18	38.91	—	48.75
GL W LG	—	—	42.00	42.50	38.06	41.00	23.75
GL W MD	22.00	28.40	27.75	—	27.00	30.67	13.50
GL W SM	20.75	22.50	19.00	20.60	18.75	20.00	8.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.00	41.00	36.08	37.03	54.50
NRBS - 45	31.00	—	—	—	30.10	33.86	15.00
NRBS - 39	22.73	—	21.00	22.50	—	25.57	18.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Sep-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	19.0	20.2	-6	-6
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	0
CHICAGO	47.1	44.3	6	-17
DETROIT	25.4	24.2	5	-21
KANSAS CITY	4.1	5.6	-27	11
LOS ANGELES	84.5	83.3	1	-25
NEW ORLEANS	6.2	7.7	-19	-9
NEW YORK	29.9	31.5	-5	-13
ST. LOUIS	16.2	18.8	-14	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	21.3	22.0	-3	-7
TOTAL	257.3	261.2	-1	-17
4 WK MVG AVG	263.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-2002

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	1,939	2,915	73	14
AVG WT	15.20	34.00	25.17	30.89
LAST WEEK	2,002	2,974	73	17
SAME WK YR AGO	1,975	3,150	45	0
AVG WT	15.43	32.18	24.70	0.00
TO-DATE/2002	72,004	106,211	2,056	324
TO-DATE/2001	78,059	106,684	1,711	429

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	THOUSAND	THOUSAND	THOUSAND	AVG	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	HEAD	HEAD	HEAD	LIVE WT	LIVE WT
N EAST	788	2	22.68	(A)	790	22.68	
SATL	823	-11	25.37	(A)	826	25.37	
N CENT	2,333	-1	29.74	(A)	2,336	29.74	
S CENT	493	-4	20.93	(A)	496	20.93	
WEST	490	0	24.44	(A)	493	24.44	
U.S. TOTAL	4,927(B)	-2	26.48	14	4,941	26.48	
TO-DATE							
2002	180,271(B)			324	180,595		
TO-DATE							
2001	186,454(B)			429	186,883		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 73,000 for the year 2,056,000; last year to date 1,711,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,307	1,832	1,556	3,388	400
AVG WT	5.09	3.32	7.81	5.38	6.44
LAST WEEK	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
SAME WK YR AGO	160,610	1,937	1,403	3,340	549
AVG WT	5.01	3.40	8.26	5.44	6.62
TO-DATE/2002	6,057,898	68,351	54,462	122,813	16,506
TO-DATE/2001	6,002,529	69,277	53,880	123,157	19,633

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02

	CURRENT WEEK 10/05/02(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/28/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	161,681(2)	162,159
LT HENS	2,062	1,996
HVY HENS	1,678	1,611
TOTAL	165,421	165,766

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Oct-02 is 157.8 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 12-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
AUGUST 24	162.7	160.0	102% 4.99
31	167.6	157.2	107% 4.90
SEPTEMBER 7	141.7	157.0	90% 5.05
14	160.9	158.6	101% 5.18
21	162.7	159.0	102% 5.13
28	159.2	158.0	101% 5.09
YEAR TO DATE	6130.4	6178.6	99%
OCTOBER 5		157.8	
12		157.3	

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 30-Sep-02	23-Sep-02	23-Sep-02	1-Oct-01
	53.07	-1.76	54.83	60.71
NUMBER OF LOADS	605			

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
SEPTEMBER	55.88	2466.00

QUARTERLY 12-CITY WTD AVR PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

	WTD AVG	LOADS
JULY-SEPTEMBER	56.30	7925.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-70	70	70.00	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-59	58	58.00	120
WESTERN REGION	56-60	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 09/30/02-10/05/02

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG LDS	WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	40.00-43.00 43.57 46	46.00 86
Los Angeles	69.00 66.31 64	61.73 129
New York	44.00-46.00 44.87 23	47.21 46

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 09/30/02	1,898	186,666	74,371
AM 09/01/02	2,514	216,327	71,124
CHG	-616	-29661	3247
PCT CHG	-25%	-14%	5%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of **09/30/02**

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-10 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.75	8.31
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4.75-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. **09/27/02**

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

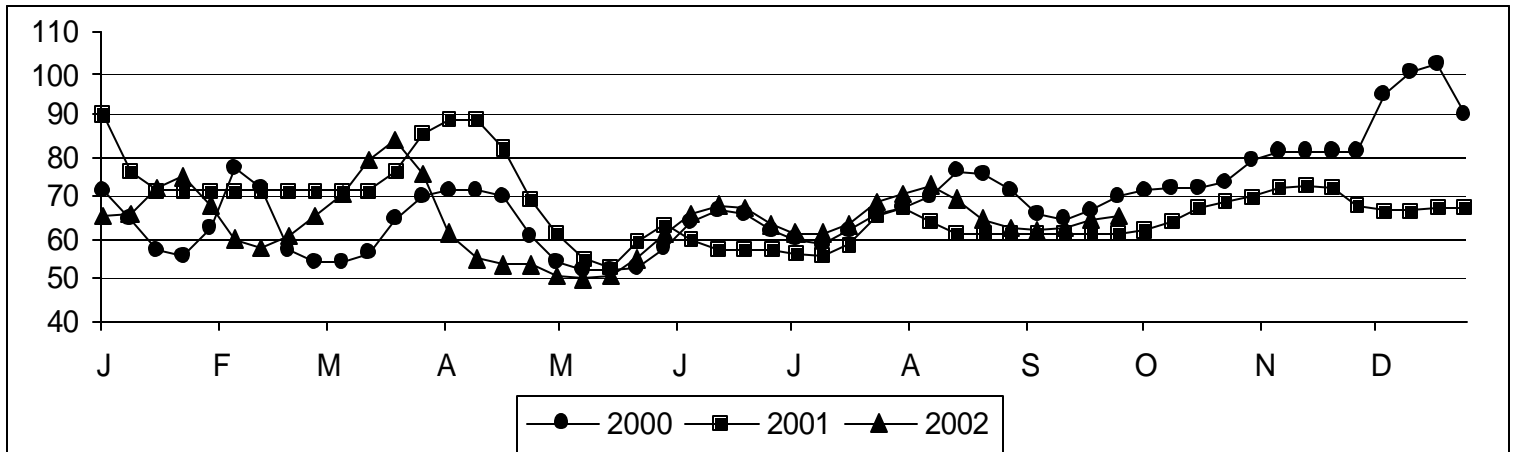
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

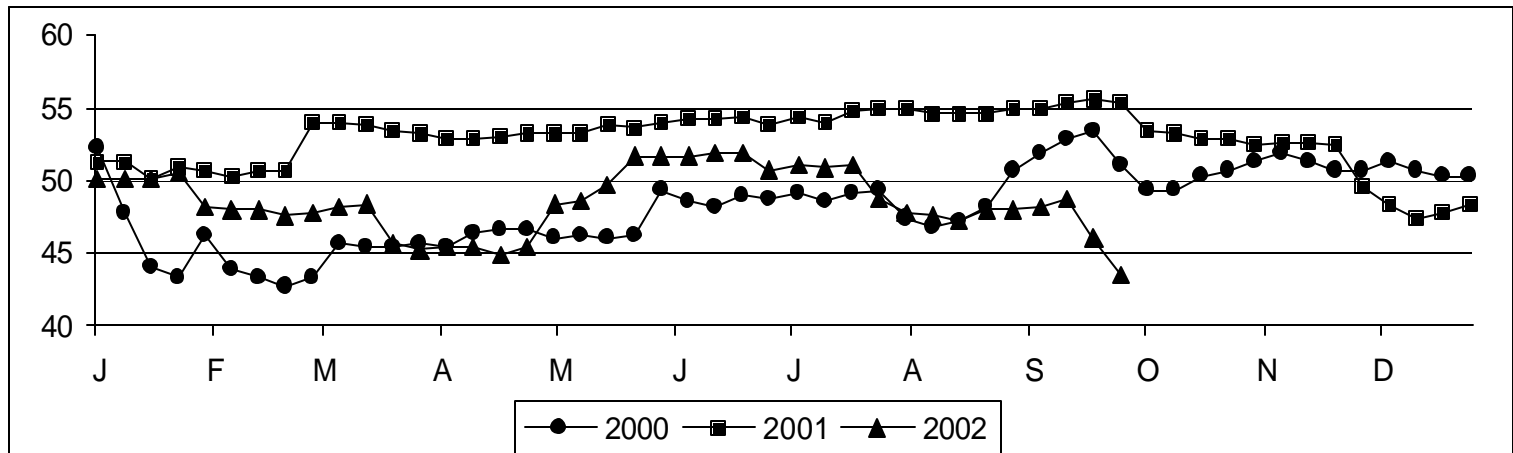
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 28-Sep-02
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	-1	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	514.2	-13	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	261.3	-10	-8
S. ATLANTIC	185.3	-2	3
S. CENTRAL	86.4	2	9
WEST	187.5	0	-6
TOTAL	1453.1	-7	-3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

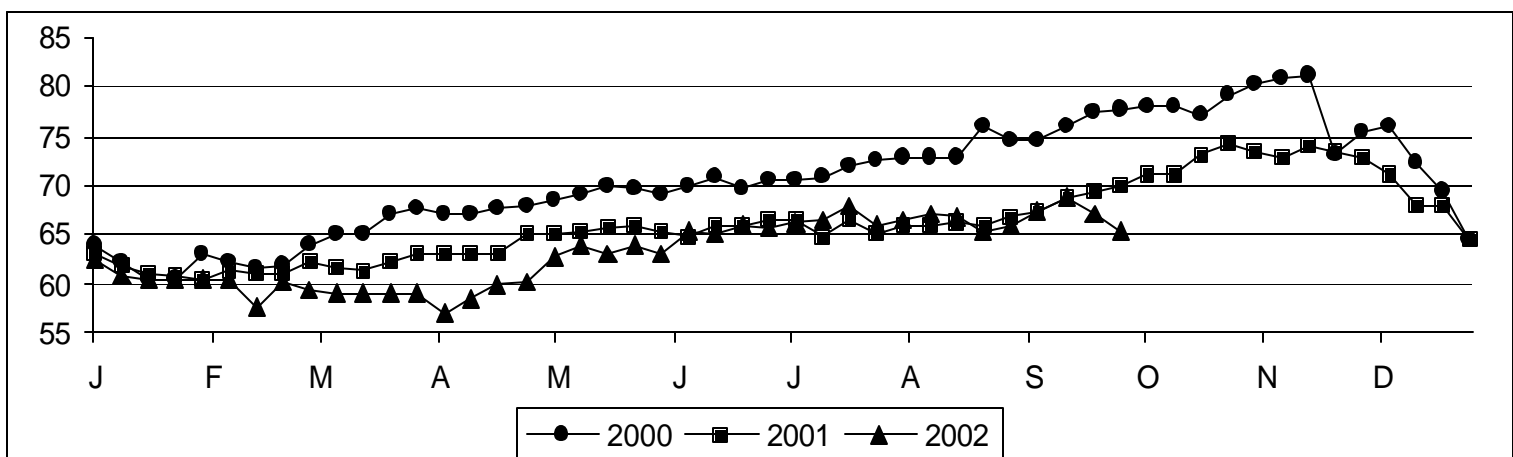
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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